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~~BEST~~ SUBJECT: Cuba (URTEL 1616 1661) Thant By JK NARS Date 8/11/72

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We have considered U Thant's proposed appeal to Castro to invite five Latin American Ambassadors in Cuba (representing Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Mexico and Uruguay) to serve as an inspection team with mandate to verify QTE Evacuation of sites and packing and shipment of offensive weapons UNQTE.

Our understanding is that Thant feels it is important that this proposal appear to emanate entirely from ~~Castro~~ Castro.

We are prepared to have Thant make such an appeal subject to the following provisos:

We understand that SYG would

1. ~~Harlan Cleveland~~ do their best to give ~~immediately~~ no indication to Castro that his proposal had been in any way mentioned or checked with US. ~~Harlan Cleveland~~ ~~Castro~~ ~~to assure~~ ~~any~~ ~~other~~ ~~information~~ ~~about~~ ~~any~~ ~~proposal~~

2. Appeal suggested by Thant does not include aerial

observation and therefore falls short of UN presence proposal which was being discussed with U Thant before his ~~understand~~ ~~which~~ ~~information~~ ~~he~~ ~~had~~ ~~been~~ ~~given~~ ~~about~~ ~~any~~ ~~proposal~~ trip to Havana. Thant should understand therefore

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that even if this proposal were put into effect US would have to continue its own aerial surveillance.

3. We believe it is essential that inspection team have full freedom of movement in Cuba and that its mandate not be limited merely to verifying evacuation of sites and shipment of offensive weapons. Mandate must be broad enough to cover effective investigation of what might be left behind. In view number of reports regarding possible hiding of offensive weapons, freedom of movement essential for effective inspection.

4. We believe it important that inspection team be agent of SYG and would report to him. This would be consistent with Khrushchev commitment re UN verification. We want SYG to be our channel on this matter. We would wish to be in position to give advice/as to where to inspect as well as procedures to be used.

Teams should have available adequate

logistic support, and

technical staff augmented by additional technical staff

to be named by SYG.

It should be

6. ~~Khrushchev~~ clearly understood that inspection by five LAs would be supplementary to ICRC inspection on incoming cargoes and U.S. QTE along-side UNQTE inspection of outgoing cargoes as has been agreed to by US and USSR.

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